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3Y0X DXPEDITION RECEIVES ARRL COLVIN AWARD GRANT

The 2006 Peter I Island 3Y0X DXpedition has received a $7500 ARRL Colvin Award to help finance the trip to the small island off Antarctica in the Bellinghausen Sea. A team of 22 operators hope to activate Peter I for approximately two weeks in early February, weather and sea conditions permitting.

"This is a prestigious award and is important to our overall Dxpedition financing," Peter I DXpedition co-leaders Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, said of the ARRL Colvin Award. "Our special thanks to the Awards Committee." The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) is a premier contributor to this major undertaking.

Bob Allphin - K4UEE and
Ralph Fedor - KØIR
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The Colvin Award was established in 1994 with the proceeds of a life insurance policy purchased by Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, that named the ARRL as beneficiary. The award is conferred in the form of grants in support of Amateur Radio projects that promote international goodwill in the field of DX.

From the 1960s into the early 1990s, Lloyd Colvin and his wife Iris, W6QL, activated more than 100 DXCC entities. Lloyd Colvin died in 1993 and Iris Colvin in 1998.

The 3Y0X DXpedition team plans to travel to Peter I via the South Shetland Islands. "Our sea container containing all of our equipment, and most of the team's personal gear is aboard the vessel DAP Mares which is now in the South Shetland Islands," a DXpedition announcement said January 10. "Our foodstuffs are also aboard after being purchased in Punta Arenas, Chile. The team will be reunited with their equipment and gear on or about February 2 to begin the four-day voyage to Peter I."

The 3Y0X team emphasizes that no dates are firm at this point. The team has been assigned the Chilean Antarctic call sign of XR9A for use en route to and from Peter I.

DXpedition members hope to be on the air from Punta

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Injured WV miner, KC8VKZ, moved to rehab

Injured miner Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, moved to rehab facility (Jan 27, 2006) -- Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, the sole survivor of the January 2 Upshur County, West Virginia, coal mine tragedy, has been transferred from the hospital to a rehabilitation center.

McCloy, 26, was moved to HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown on January 26. McCloy's condition remains fair. He is no longer in a coma, although he remains unable to speak, according to his physician, Dr Larry Roberts. McCloy's fever has dropped and he has not needed kidney dialysis in the past few days. The explosion at the Sago Mine killed 12 other miners and left the mine filled with deadly carbon monoxide. McCloy has been hospitalized for the past three

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Originally known as the "Atlanta Wireless Club," the Atlanta Radio Club is one of the oldest and largest amateur radio clubs in the United States. With nearly 200 members, the Club sponsors numerous activities and services for its membership and for the Atlanta area amateur radio community.

The Club is best known for its sponsorship of the annual Atlanta HamFestival, a Saturday event which hosts many vendors, exhibitors, and flea marketers of amateur radio equipment and other electronic equipment.

Bank of America Tower
Site of Atlanta Repeaters:
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W4DOC REPEATERS

The Atlanta Radio Club operates five repeaters at two locations. Currently our most active project is at the Bank of America Tower where we operate three repeaters at 146.82(-), 224.34 (-), and 444.825(+). On the web, go to http://www.saf.com/arc/repeater.pdf for a Acrobat 4.0 diagram of our system.

Our second location is the WFOX broadcast tower at Chestnut Mountain, south of Gainesville, GA. We operate two repeaters on 145.35(-) & 444.45 (+) . These repeaters are being renovated under the expert guidance of Dennis, KF4MHW. For pictures of that site, see http://www.saf.com/arc/wfox.html

The current schedule for net operations include the Sunday Night Net on 146.820 (Linked to 145.35 on FOX) at 8PM EST and the Southeastern VHF Net on Wednesday evenings at 9PM. The 146.820 machine can also be dialed into IRLP and SKYWARN/Peachtree City during inclement weather.

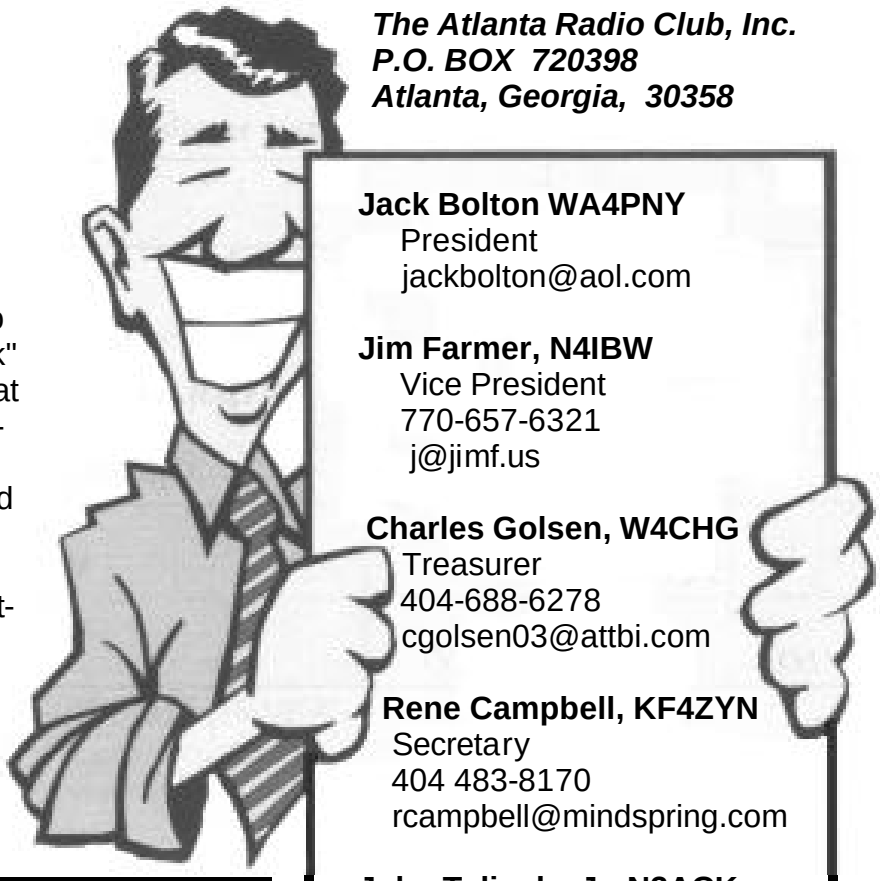
ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS

WHEN:
Thursday Feb 2 , 2006 7:30PM

WHERE:
Red Cross 1955 Monroe Drive – Atlanta

PROGRAM: "All you ever wanted to know about GPS, but were afraid to ask" Jack Yeazel who operates a website that reviews GPS equipment will be presenting and sharing his insites. Jack will be bringing a collection of GPS devices and all of the answers. Jack's website is: http://gpsinformation.net .Please join us at 7:30 for a great time. Before the meeting: Demo at 7 PM and 7:15 ask the experts.

TALK IN:
146.820 (-) PL 146.2



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Georgia On My Mind...

Source: ARRL GA Section News

Wed, January 4, 2006

Georgia Section on My Mind

Greetings, Fellow Hams-sters. And a very HAPPY NEW YEAR, one and all!!!!

So.... Have you made a bunch of resolutions for the new year? (And have you managed to break most of them already??) Me, I'd prefer to set loose goals. (Like wearing loose britches and steering a wide berth of bathroom scales for awhile...)

As reported to you a couple of weeks ago, BPL has come to Georgia. If you're like me, you'd probably hoped that we'd somehow escape unscathed, that this scourge that's caused so many problems for hams in other parts of the country would somehow leave us alone here in Georgia. So far, the targeted areas for testing are Douglasville, Clarksville, Young Harris, and Jefferson. It is imperative that we have BPL teams of hams in each of these areas to monitor and document any interference caused by these tests. So far, we have an excellent BPL team in the Douglasville area, and their team leader EMORY GORDY, W4WRO, has also agreed to serve as the "go to" guy for other BPL teams throughout the state. Questions on how to proceed? Not sure what you need to do? Contact Emory at w4wro@arrl.net If you live in or near one of these other three areas and would be willing to be involved in this very important work, please let us know. The ARRL has been leading the way in this struggle, doing accurate testing and challenging the "powers that be" with logic and intelligence. But they can't do it alone. This is OUR state, and it's up to US to provide the ARRL with the tools they need to help us mitigate any interference caused by BPL.

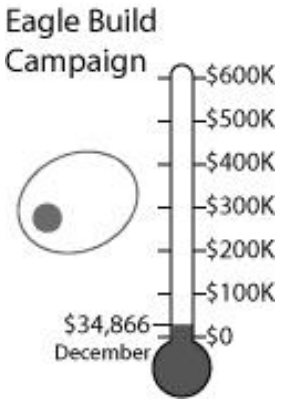
We have four excellent candidates so far for the second position of DXCC card checker here in Georgia. (KC4AA from Milledgeville, K4BAI from Columbus, AF4MI from Richmond Hill, and N4PB from Statesboro) In the meantime, BILL BARR, N4NX, continues to serve, as appointed by the SE DX Club, and he has been doing an excellent job, busily checking all kinds of cards (not just DXCC) at most of the Hamfests throughout Georgia, and beyond. If there are any more folks who would like to be considered for this second DXCC card

checking slot, please let me know. Hope to make a decision on this by the end of the month.

For more… http://www.arrl.org/sections/GA.html

New Technician class question pool released to the public

New Technician class question pool released to the public: The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released the new Technician (Element 2) Amateur Radio examination question pool. The new Element 2 question pool is available for viewing or download in Adobe PDF, MS Word, RTF and ASCII text format from the NCVEC Web site <http://www.ncvec.org/ama_news_article.php?id=81>. The new question pool becomes effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2006, and it will remain valid until June 30, 2010. The current Element 2 question pool will expire June 30, 2006. The new Technician pool contains 396 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 2 examination. This question pool contains no graphics or diagrams. The QPC requests that anyone spotting possible errors or suggesting corrections contact the Question Pool Committee via e-mail <qpcinput@ncvec.org>;. Reference the question pool (ie, Technician, General, Amateur Extra) in the subject line, and include the question number(s) involved plus a brief explanation. Forward comments and suggestions for new questions or changes in topic areas for any of the three question pools, Element 2, 3 or 4.--NCVEC



AMSAT OSCAR - Eagle is the next generation high earth orbit satellite under construction now! Eagle will provide many services and reliable communications on bands previously not available.

METRO TESTING SESSIONS

Call ahead to verify session and be prepared with the appropriate forms and required papers. A small fee may be charged. Check with the VEC

Athens, GA
1st Monday of each EVEN-numbered month at 7:00 pm 2095 W. Broad Street.
Contact: EDWIN FUQUA, N4VA
(706) 354-1727 E: edwin.fuqua@charter.net

Cartersville, GA
1st Tuesday of each month at the Cartersville Kroger. Contact: JODI POWELL, AG4BK
(770) 387-1591

Gainesville, GA
1st Sunday of EVEN-numbered months
Johnson High School, 3305 Poplar Springs Rd
Contact: ALFRED WESTBROOK, KT4VP
(770) 965-4901 Email: kt4vp@arrl.net

Lilburn, GA
Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society
4th Friday of Every Month at 7:00 pm
St. John Neumann Church 801 Tom Smith Rd
Contact: Howie Gould, W9HG (770)921-8362
Headphones provided for CW tests.

Milledgeville, GA ARRL / VEC
2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Mary Vinson Memorial Library, 151 S. Jefferson Stacross from the Georgia Military Academy.Contact: OTIS MURPHY W4OY
(478) 452-6394 Email: W4OY@arrl.net

Peachtree City, GA
1st Thursday of EVEN-numbered months at 7:00 pm, and the 2nd Saturday of ODD-numbered months at 10:00 am at the Peachtree City Library, downstairs meeting room. Contact: JAN DUBROCA, KN4JD (770) 502-0760

Snellville, GA
2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Walton EMC, 3645 Lenora Church Road.
Contact: WAYNE TAYLOR, WD3CCA
(770) 498-7759

Stone Mountain, GA ARRL / VEC
Alford Memorial Radio Club
2nd Saturday of ODD-numbered months at 8:30 am Stone Mountain United Methodist Church, 5312 W. Mountain St.
Contact: BOB VARONE, W4ETN
(770) 978 3179 Email:bvarone@juno.com

Atlanta, GA
4th Sunday of each month, 2:30pm Georgia Tech
Visit http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/w4aql/test.html for more information and to sign up for a mailing list.
No pre-registration is required.
Email: w4aql-ve@cyberbuz.gatech.edu (emails preferred over phone calls)Phone: 404-894-2936

UPCOMING CONTESTS AND OP ACTIVITIES

February 13 - 17 School Club Roundup

February 18 - 19 ARRL International DX Contest (CW)

March 4 - 5 ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)

June 10 - 12 ARRL June VHF QSO Party

June 24 - 25 ARRL Field Day

UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

4-5 Feb 2006
Southeastern Division Convention (Miami Tropical Hamboree)
Dade Radio Club
http://www.hamboree.org

10-12 Feb 2006
Northern Florida Section Convention
Orlando ARC
http://www.oarc.org

25 Feb 2006
24th Annual Hamfest
Dalton ARC
http://www.qsl.net/w4drc

18 Mar 2006
53rd Annual Hamfest
Kennehoochee ARC
http://www.w4bti.org

6-7 May 2006
Alabama State Convention (BirmingHAMfest 2006)
Birmingham Amateur Radio Club
http://www.w4cue.com
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Peter One...

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Arenas for a few days and then maritime mobile to and from Peter I. There is also a possibility that the team will be active from the South Shetlands for a few days after the Peter I DXpedition is complete.

This is the second attempt at a successful Peter I Island DXpedition by a team headed by Allphin and Fedor. An

Above: Peter One crew loads a container to be shipped

Left: Peter One Island, DX site can be seen on lower right

anticipated Peter I 3Y0X DXpedition in early 2005 had to be called off at the eleventh hour after its charter vessel was delayed, and the DXpedition simply ran out of time.

Allphin and Fedor recommend checking the 3Y0DX Web site <http://8.3.8.118/peterone/main.htm> regularly for news and announcements. "The Web site should be considered the best source of updated and correct DXpedition news direct from the DXpedition leaders," their announcement says.

The site will provide twice-daily updating of the 3Y0X logs through the generosity of satellite telephone provider Iridium Satellite LLC. A "souvenir" QSL card is in the design stages.

QSL 3Y0X via Robert Schenck, N2OO, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. The ambitious DXpedition is also an expensive undertaking, so the team continues to seek financial support via its Web site.

KC8VKZ, moved to rehab facility

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weeks at West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital. Well-wishers have been sending cards and QSLs to McCloy at PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. A fund has been set up to accept donations for McCloy's benefit: The Randal McCloy Jr Fund, c/o Clear Mountain Bank, 1889

Earl Core Rd, Morgantown, WV 26505.

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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration

ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
Registration remains open through Sunday, February 5, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), HF Digital Communications (EC-005), VHF/UHF Beyond the Repeater (EC-008) and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). Classes begin Friday, February 17. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> or contact the CCE Department <cce@arrl.org>;.

Create your own USPS 39 cent postage stamps

This is pretty cool, a web site that lets you create your own USPS 39 cent postage stamps. I created one with a pix from my QSL and another with the FISTS logo and my fists number. You can check them out on my web page at: www.mindspring.com/~n4zzk/

The cost is based on volume but for the amount I ordered it was about 80 cents per 39 cent stamp or about $17.00 for a sheet of 20. Obviously not for every day mail but pretty cool for that special QSL card. (might even improve your return rate...)
For more information go to

www.stamps.com

73...Al SEDXC

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MEETING NOTICE - THURSDAY FEB 2, 2005

GARS TECHFEST 2006 A Success!

WHAT IS TECH FEST? The idea of Tech Fest was first tested 8 years ago when Kevin Berry, KF4RMA expressed interest in an event who's primary function was to expose members of the community to the many facets of Amateur Radio. Unlike Field day, this is not a contest or race. It is a chance to experience aspects of our hobby that we might never have seen. It's a chance to hear the truth about radios and antennas, without the flashy spin that a salesperson might put on it. It is an event that encourages the free exchange of ideas and knowledge. It is a chance to meet some of your HAM radio friends, sit around a table with a cup of coffee and share new and old stories. It is a great place to sample some of the best Chili in North Georgia.